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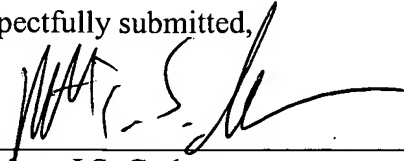
Claims 1-22, 30-41, 43-58 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 30 is amended and new claims 48-58 are added. No new matter will be incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-8, 11-22, 30, 33-41 and 43 are allowable.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 9-10, 31-32, and 44-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, 20, 44, 47-48, and 62-63 of copending Application No. 10/123,032. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. However, to advance prosecution of this Application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date, Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection based on a provisional nonstatutory double patenting ground. Therefore, no admission may be inferred by this response and the terminal disclaimer enclosed herein. Copies of the terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(c) are attached with this response.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims of application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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